# **ZNE Case Study**

# San José Environmental Innovation Center

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### San José Environmental Innovation Center



- Architect: J. Francis Ward
- Built in 1958 as a wax paper factory
- Rare example of Mid-Century Modern Architecture in the Bay Area
- Site: 4.27 acres
- Original Warehouse: 40,500 square feet
- New HHW building: 6,600 square feet



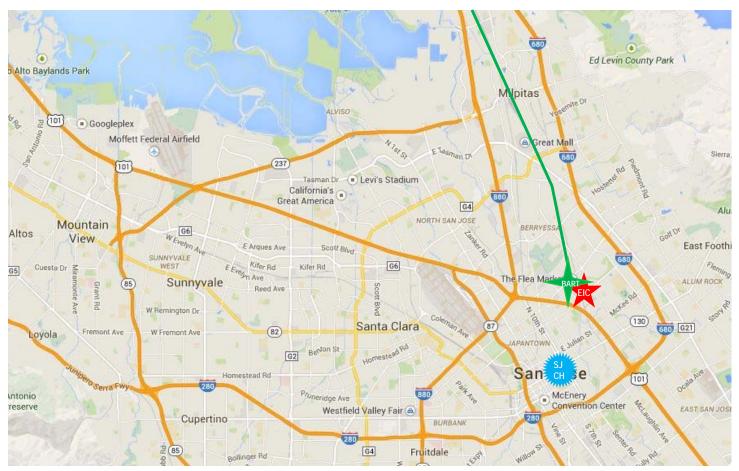
## History & Timeline

- 1958: Warehouse built
- 1973: Purchased by City
- 2006: Acquired by Environmental Services
- 2009-2010: Phase I Paving, landscaping & street improvements
- 2011-2014: Phase II Warehouse renovation, new HHW building
- 2016: Phase III Solar installation





## **Environmental Innovation Center - Location**





### 1608 Las Plumas: Before and After







### Master Plan: EcoPark





Mission: Transform a blighted City property into a campus that supports environmental stewardship and economic development.





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# Program + Design Vision



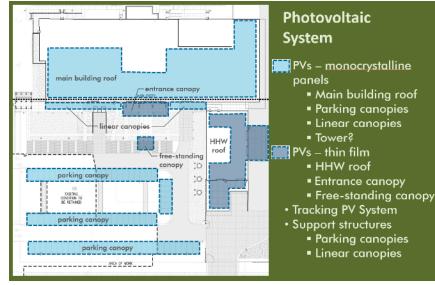


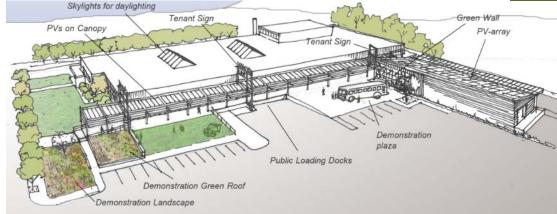




# Design Goals + Targets

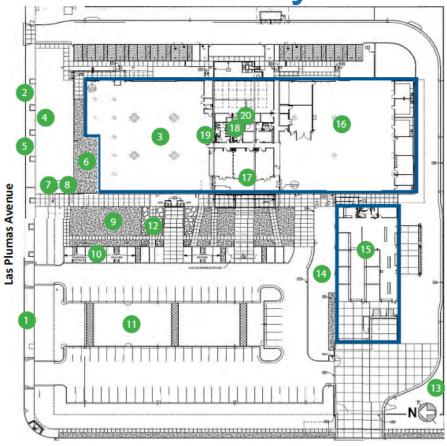
- LEED Platinum target
- Environmentally responsible systems
- Demonstration opportunities







## Sustainability features



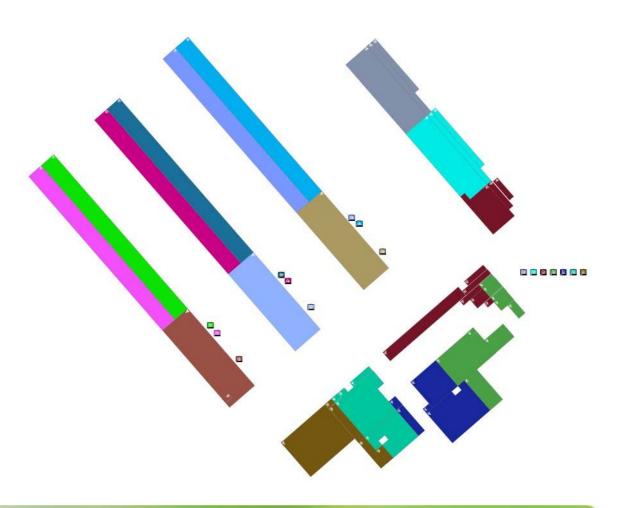
- 1. LED Lights
- 2. Silva Cells™ (tree root system)
- 3. Solar Tracking Skylights
- 4. Recycled Water Piping
- 5. Pervious Pavement (including recycled materials)
- 6. Smart Irrigation System (weather-based)
- 7. Wind Turbines
- 8. Solar Panels
- 9. Drought Tolerant Plants
- 10. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- 11. Modular Wetland®
- 12. Recycled Concrete
- 13. Bioswales
- 14. Public Art Feature
- 15. Cool Roof
- 16. Solar Light Tubes
- 17. Low VOC Materials (paints, adhesives, flooring)
- 18. Low/No-water Fixtures
- 19. Reclaimed Wood
- 20. Interior Composting Toilets





## **Green Features**

- 343.8 kW system
- 599,000 kWh (projected annual generation)
- 1,164 total PV panels on roofs and car ports
- 21 inverters (16 currently used + 5 for future expansion)
- System offsets 100% of EIC's annual energy use





# Solar Edge



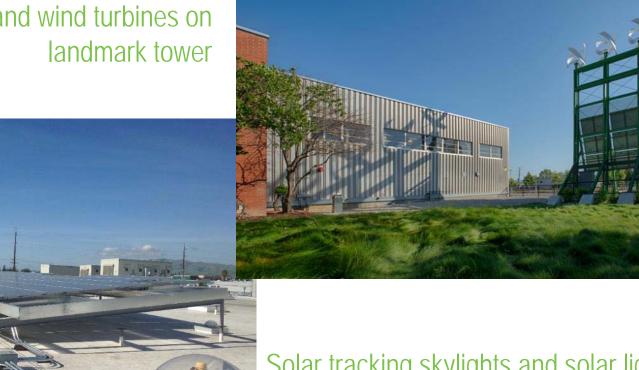






## **Green Features**

Solar PVs and wind turbines on



Solar tracking skylights and solar light tubes

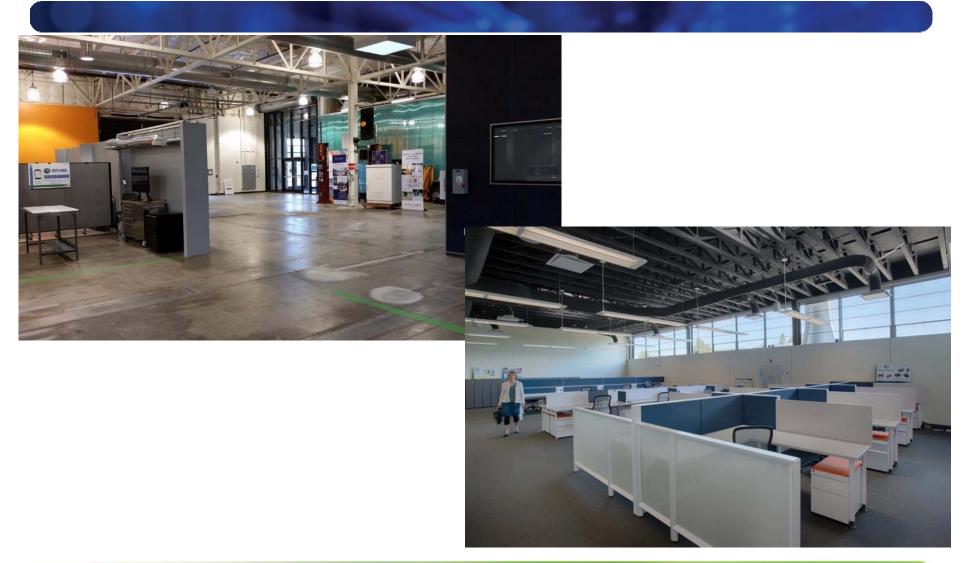


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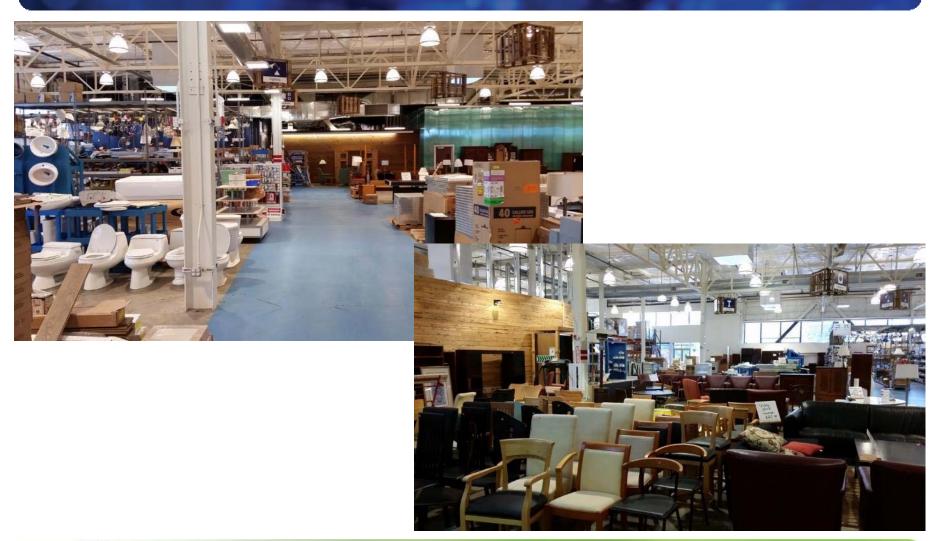
- Award winning public art feature captures and reuses rainwater
- Interior composting toilets
- Silva cells (tree root system)
- Drought tolerant landscaping and smart irrigation system
- Vegetated swales and bio-retention area for stormwater
- Pervious pavement types



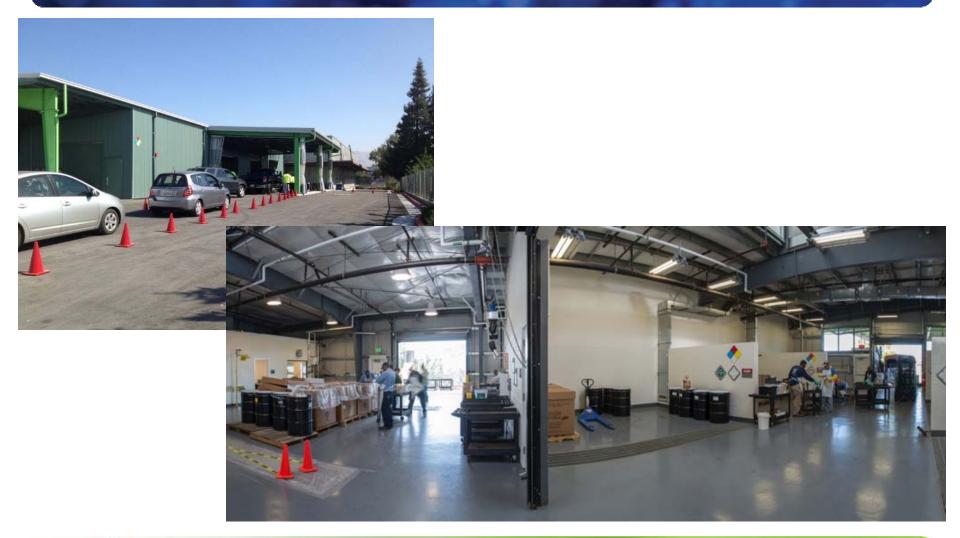














### **Lessons Learned**

- Get partners on board early
- Value engineering stay true to intentions despite reduced budget
- Be flexible
  - Installed PV system evolved from plans
  - Funding options (NMTC, EDA grant)



#### **Questions?**

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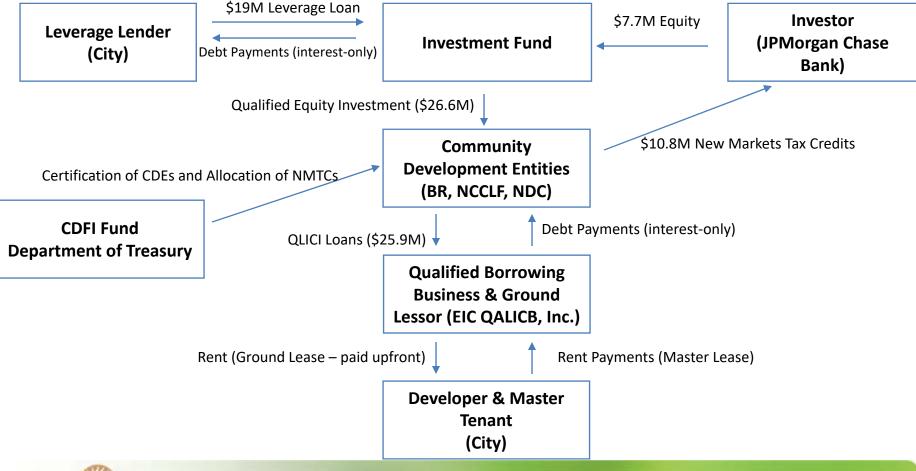
# Bonus slides

### **New Markets Tax Credits**

- Promotes economic development in low-income communities
- U.S. Treasury Department awards tax credit allocations to Community Development Entities (CDEs)
- Tax credit allocations sold to investors in exchange for equity in qualifying projects (7-year compliance period)
- Specialized consultant support to assist City with NMTC transaction
- Transaction structure designed to minimize City risk and maximize benefit



## New Markets Tax Credit Funding Structure





## Flow of Funds - 7 Year Compliance Period

City of San José(Leverage Lender)

Investment Fund

Return on Investment

**Community Development Entities** 

**Interest-Only Payment** 

**EIC QALICB** 

Rent

**City of San José (Master Tenant)** 

Rent

Subtenants (ReStore, PSV, HHW)

